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Historically Progress-Minded

THE LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN HAS BEEN WITNESS TO MANY CHANGES AND CHALLENGES SINCE BEING ESTABLISHED IN 1828. FROM ITS EARLIEST TERRITORIAL DAYS, THE LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN HAS SERVED STATE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN MUCH AS THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS WORKS AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL.

OVER TIME, THE LIBRARY'S TASKS EXPANDED FROM THAT OF A COLLECTOR AND REPOSITORY OF MICHIGAN TERRITORIAL LAWS AND OTHER IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS TO OFFERING AN EXCELLENT COLLECTION OF MICHIGAN STATE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS; A LARGE NEWSPAPER COLLECTION DATING BACK TO THE 1800s; ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S LARGEST GENEALOGICAL COLLECTIONS; AND A CONCENTRATION OF MICHIGAN MATERIALS.

IN 2001 THE LIBRARY CONTINUED TO EXPAND ITS MISSION OF SERVICE TO MICHIGAN RESIDENTS WITH A NUMBER OF INNOVATIVE AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. IN 2002, THE LIBRARY OFFICIALLY BECAME AN AGENCY WITHIN THE NEWLY CREATED DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, ARTS AND LIBRARIES (HAL), AND OVERSAW THE LAUNCH OF SEVERAL EXCITING PROJECTS, INCLUDING THE MICHIGAN eLIBRARY (WWW.MEL.ORG). WE'RE COMMITTED TO MEETING AND ANTICIPATING PATRONS' NEEDS IN FISCAL 2003 AND BEYOND!

CHRISTIE PEARSON BRANDAU
STATE LIBRARIAN

Opening Doors.

THE LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN HAS ALWAYS BEEN A GREAT RESOURCE TO THE STATE, BUT ITS CAPABILITIES GO FAR BEYOND THE TRADITIONAL NOTIONS OF WHAT A STATE LIBRARY IS, OR SHOULD BE.

NOT ONLY DOES THE LIBRARY HOUSE COLLECTIONS THAT ANY FIRST-RATE RESEARCH FACILITY WOULD BE PROUD OF, IT ALSO PROVIDES RESIDENTS WITH ACCESS TO A HOST OF ELECTRONIC DATABASES AND RESOURCES THAT EXTENDS THE LIBRARY’S REACH EVEN FURTHER. WITH THE LAUNCH OF THE MICHIGAN eLIBRARY (www.MEL.org) IN JUNE 2002, THE LIBRARY EFFECTIVELY GAVE 24-HOUR ACCESS TO EVERY MICHIGAN RESIDENT WITH A DRIVER’S LICENSE AND AN INTERNET CONNECTION!

PATRONS CAN FIND MANY UNEXPECTED RESOURCES, TOO, INCLUDING A VIRTUAL SHELF OF 10,000+ eBooks THAT CAN BE “CHECKED OUT” AND BROWSED ONLINE; THE SEARCHABLE MICHIGAN AUTHORS AND ILLUSTRATORS DATABASE; AND LEARNATest, AN INTERACTIVE SITE OFFERING PREPARATION MATERIALS AND PRACTICE TESTS GEARED TO HELP JOB SEEKERS, STUDENTS AND CAREER CHANGERS IMPROVE THEIR SCORES ON A WIDE VARIETY OF OFFICIAL EXAMS.

THE LIBRARY ALSO MADE AVAILABLE ACCESS IN LIBRARIES STATEWIDE TO ANCESTRY.COM, AN INVALUABLE TOOL TO GENEALOGISTS AT EVERY STAGE OF RESEARCH.

“I just had to e-mail and tell you how much I am enjoying your 1870 Online Census. It is a wonderful tool ... thank you for such a **quality product!**”

— *from a genealogist*



“This was **wonderful!** I wish there was a way every library employee ... could see you guys in action.”

— *from an “On the Road” workshop attendee*

“I spent hours searching for those titles and *poof* you managed to **locate** them all!”

— *from an Ask Us Live online reference user*

“Thank you for this day – I feel better heading back to my library ... keep up the **good work!**”

— *from a New Directors workshop attendee*

“... You’ve been **clandestine intermediaries** and much more! When my bosses wanted information ‘yesterday,’ you worked at great speed ...”

— *from a legislative employee*

THE LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN IS THE OFFICIAL STATE LIBRARY AGENCY FOR MICHIGAN. COLLECTIONS HOUSED AT THE MICHIGAN LIBRARY AND HISTORICAL CENTER AND AT THE LAW LIBRARY IN DOWNTOWN LANSING TOTAL MORE THAN 3 MILLION HARDCOVER BOOKS, BOUND PERIODICAL VOLUMES AND GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS. EXTENSIVE FILES OF NEWSPAPERS AND OTHER ITEMS IN MICROFORM RAISE THE COLLECTION TOTAL TO MORE THAN 5.6 MILLION ITEMS STORED ON 27+ MILES OF SHELVING.

www.michigan.gov/hal

Library of Michigan Service Division Statistics

Requests/Transactions	FY2002	FY2001
CIRCULATION/DIRECTIONAL REQUESTS*	40,728	30,325
REFERENCE/RESEARCH REQUESTS*	43,779	35,300
INTERLIBRARY LOAN REQUESTS*	15,890	17,169
NUMBER MAIN/LAW ITEMS CIRCULATED	17,097	17,362
(*INCLUDES PHONE, E-MAIL AND WALK-IN)		

Transactions By Patron Group	FY2002	FY2001
GENERAL PUBLIC	75,465	72,595
LIBRARIES	20,087	19,108
STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES	10,052	9,010

Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
A DEPARTMENT CENTRAL TO THE LIBRARY’S MISSION IS SBPH – SERVICE FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED – HELPING TO BRING THE JOY AND INDEPENDENCE OF READING TO ALL MICHIGAN RESIDENTS.

	FY2002	FY2001
SBPH CIRCULATION	315,409	272,251
SBPH INTERLIBRARY LOAN	1,782	2,073
SBPH REFERENCE/READER		
ADVISORY REQUESTS	11,442	11,114

... to a World of Possibility